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MARRIAGES

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ON MARCH 14 CEAUSESCU SPEECH ATTACK-  
ING EMIGRATION BY MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS (REFS B AND C),  
ROMANIAN PRESS HAS RUN ARTICLES ON SITUATION IN TRAIKIRCHEN  
REFUGEE CAMP NEAR VIENNA AND ON PITFALLS OF BINATIONAL MARRIAGES  
FOR ROMANIAN WOMEN. RCP ORGAN "SCINTEIA" REPORTED MARCH 25  
ON TRAIKIRCHEN BY REPRINTING NEGATIVELY-TONED EXCERPTS  
FROM ARTICLE IN VIENNA "DIE PRESSE" INTERPOLATED WITH COMMENTS  
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HIGHLIGHTING ESPECIALLY BLEAK POINTS. MARCH 26 "SCINTEIA"  
CARRIES FICTION-STYLE STORY ABOUT ROMANIAN WOMAN WHOM A FOREIGNER

ROMANCED BY MAIL; SHE OBTAINED PERMISSION TO  
MARRY, THEN CHANGED HER MIND. TIMIS JUDET RCP ORGAN  
PRINTS STORY OF ROMANIAN WOMAN WHO SUCCUMBED TO BLANDISH-  
MENTS OF A SWEDE, MARRIED, AND WENT TO SWEDEN, RETURNING

TO ROMANIA AFTER FOUR UNHAPPY MONTHS. ARTICLES BREAK A LULL OF SEVERAL MONTHS IN PRESS COMMENT ON EMIGRATION MATTERS, AND AGAIN ILLUSTRATE GOR'S STRONG OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO EMIGRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. TRAIKIRCHEN: MARCH 25 ARTICLE IN RCP ORGAN "SCINTEIA" REPRINTS EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE BY ERICH GRODIG IN VIENNA "DIE PRESSE" (DATE NOT STATED) ENTITLED: "'AS IF I WERE IN A DESERT.' TRAIKIRCHEN A DESOLATE GATEWAY." "DIE PRESSE" EXCERPTS PROVIDE GRIM VIEW OF DISMAL SITUATION OF REFUGEES. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CAMP ARE DIRTY ROOMS, GRAFFITI, RICKETY CAMP-BEDS, CROWDING, AND SANITARY FACILITIES "BEYOND DESCRIPTION." FIGHTS ARE FREQUENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE 24 NATIONAL GROUPS AND CAMP POLICEMEN MUST PATROL IN PAIRS. WORK IS HARD TO FIND, AND EXCERPTS IMPLY THAT THOSE WHO CANNOT FIND JOBS STEAL. EXCERPTS ARE UNCLEAR ABOUT NORMAL PROCESSING TIME, BUT SAY THAT SOME REFUGEES STAY TWO OR THREE YEARS. HUNGARIAN YOUTH IS QUOTED: "IF I HAD KNOWN IN WHAT CONDITIONS I WOULD HAVE TO LIVE HERE FOR EIGHT MONTHS, I WOULDN'T HAVE FLED MY COUNTRY."

3. "SCINTEIA" COMMENTS EMPHASIZE THAT EXCERPTS COME FROM "AN ANTI-COMMUNIST JOURNAL OF THE RIGHT." UNDERLINING MORE NEGATIVE POINTS, "SCINTEIA" OPINES THAT SHIFT FROM "HUMAN RIGHTS" TO "A SCHOOL OF CRIMINALITY" IS "SIGNIFICANT," AND POINTS TO LONG WAITING PERIODS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FACT THAT THOSE WHO ALLEGEDLY LEFT THEIR HOMES FOR EASY MONEY ARE NOT WELL OFF. INTRODUCTION HEADED "WHERE LEAD THE PATHS OF ILLUSION" DEBUNKS EMIGRATION AS MISGUIDED OPPORTUNISM: "... (THE REFUGEES) BELIEVED PROMISES--AS VAIN AS THEY WERE TEMPTING--OF GAINING A HANDFUL OF MARKS, DOLLARS, OR SCHILLINGS BY SCORNED AND ILL-PAID MANUAL WORK. GIVING UP THEIR EARS TO TEMPTATIONS, TO BEUTIFUL WORDS ABOUT "HUMAN RIGHTS," THEY WERE DELUDED INTO THINKING THAT THEIR JOURNEYS WOULD LEAD TO NICE NESTS, AND TRANSFORMED THIS INTO THE GOAL OF THEIR LIVES."

4. MARRIAGES: "SCINTEIA" MARCH 26 CARRYS LONG ARTICLE BY ILIE TANASACHEGR FICTIONAL IN STYLE BUT LABELLED "SOCIAL INQUIRY" ABOUT ROMANIAN WOMAN WHO RECEIVED PHOTOGRAPH AND PROPOSAL FROM UNKNOWN FOREIGN SUITOR BY MAIL, AND FRIVOLOUSLY SAID YES BECAUSE IT WAS HER FIRST PROPOSAL. AFTER AGITATION BY FOREIGN NEWSPAPER WHICH PRINTED HER PICTURE, HER MARRIAGE REQUEST WAS APPROVED, BUT SHE RENOUNCED MARRIAGE AFTER MEETING THE ILL-MANNERED, ABUSIVE FIANCE. (NOTE: ARTICLE IGNORES QUESTION ON MARRIAGE APPLICATION FORMS WHICH ASKS WHEN AFFIANCED

MET.) FIANCE LEFT SEEKING RFE ASSISTANCE IN CONVINCING  
WOMAN TO MARRY; SHE MARRIED A ROMANIAN.

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5. MARCH 23 "DRAPELUL ROSU," RCP ORGAN OF TIMIS JUDET,  
GIVES FIRST-PERSON CONFESSION OF 57-YEAR OLD WOMAN WHO  
MARRIED A SWEDE AFTER HE GAVE HER GIFTS AND PROMISES OF  
A LARGE HOUSE AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. DESPITE  
URGINGS FROM HER SON AGAINST LEAVING HER COUNTRY, SHE

WENT TO SWEDEN, WHERE SHE FOUND A SMALL ROOM, NO CAR,  
NO MONEY, AND A HUSBAND MARRIED MANY TIMES BEFORE.  
FORCED TO TAKE A JOB, SHE BECAME DISILLUSIONED, LONGED  
FOR HER HOMELAND, AND RETURNED AFTER FOUR MONTHS.

6. COMMENT: ARTICLE ON TRAIKIRCHEN SETS TONE SUGGESTING  
FURTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS ABOUT CONDITIONS  
IN REFUGEE CAMPS AND NEED FOR EMIGRANTS TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY  
TO RECEIVING STATES. ACCOUNTS OF BINATIONAL MARRIAGE  
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MISHAPS SERVE TO UNDERPIN OFFICIAL GOR POSITION THAT LONG  
WAITING PERIOD FOR APPLICATION IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT  
MARRIAGE WILL BE HAPPY, AS WELL AS PRACTICE THAT BINATIONAL  
MARRIAGES SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED AND ONLY GRUDINGLY APPROVED.  
ARTICLES TOGETHER DEMONSTRATE THAT GOR'S CONCESSIONS TO  
POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY IN EMIGRATION AND BINATIONAL  
MARRIAGES (E.G. FAIRLY LARGE NUMBERS OF DEPARTURES FOR  
FRG; RUSH OF EMIGRATION AND MARRIAGE APPROVALS FOR U.S.  
NOTED REF A COMING BEFORE CEAUSESCU VISIT) REPRESENT  
NO CHANGE IN PRINCIPLE TO GOR'S UNWAVERING OPPOSITION  
TO EMIGRATION.  
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